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Report Highlights:

The Russian Government approved the permanent import customs tariff on rice and rice products at 0.7 EURO per 1 kg, replacing a similar, temporary one of April 2005 aimed at protection of domestic producers from cheap rice imports. The permanent tariff will take effect January 10, 2006. Due to this new tariff total rice imports in April-September 2005 decreased by 15 percent to 176 million metric tons (mmt) on a year-to-year basis, while value of imports increased by 42 percent. Imports of premium quality rice from the U.S. increased by 54 percent to 2.23 mmt.

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Summary

On December 1, 2005, the Russian Government issued Resolution #710 that amended the Customs Tariff of the Russian Federation and set import tariffs on rice and byproducts of rice processing (groats, meal, pellets, flakes, starch) at 0.07 EURO per kilogram. This tariff was introduced in April 2005, as a temporary measure, and was aimed at protecting the Russian market and Russian rice producers from cheap imports (see GAIN Report RS5019 *New Import Duty on Rice*). Compared with last year, Russia's rice imports in April-September decreased by 15 percent to 176.1 million metric tons (mmt), but the value of these imports rose by 13 percent to 45.6 million U.S. Dollars. Imports of premium quality and expensive rice (over \$0.35 per kilogram) increased from 4.4 mmt to 4.7 mmt primarily at the expense of rice from the U.S. Imports of U.S. rice increased from 1.45 million metric tons in April-September 2004 to 2.23 million metric tons in the same period 2005 and rank the first in imports of premium quality rice.

Text of the Resolution #710 of December 1, 2005

Begin Text:

Government of the Russian Federation Resolution #710 of December 1, 2005

"On Approval of Import Custom Tariffs on Rice and Flour and Groat Products Made of Rice"

The Government of the Russian Federation decrees the following:

1. As a partial amendment to the Customs Tariff of the Russian Federation approved by the Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation #830 of November 30, 2001 "On the Customs Tariffs of the Russian Federation and Commodity Codes, Used in the Implementation of Foreign Economic Activity" (Collection of Laws of the Russian Federation, 2001, #50, article 4735; 2003, #26, article 2653; 2004, #17, article 1659; 2005, #10, article 852) to approve import custom tariff on rice and flour and groats products made of rice (Russia's TN VED codes 1006, 1103 19 500 0, 1103 20 500 0, 1104 19 910 0, 1108 19 100 0) at 0.07 EURO per 1 kilogram.
2. The present Resolution enters into force January 10, 2006.

Chairman of the Government
Of the Russian Federation

M. Fradkov

Moscow
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End Text

Note: The commodities are defined by codes of the Customs Nomenclature of the Russia's Foreign Trade Activity Russia's TN VED. The codes are close or similar to the HS codes.